

Duvall Library Board

Duvall LIBRARY Rose room

Monday, March 23rd, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paige Denison, at 6:03.

Board members: Don Barden, Alan Butler, Paige Denison, Denny Redman, Karen Wallin

KCLS: Pam Hunter (for Laura Boyes) and Denise Siers, KCLS Director of Public Services

Sue Juhre: Friends of the Library/Civic Club

Carol Ladwig, The Valley View

Old Business

The February 2009 Board meeting minutes were read by Alan Butler . Minutes were approved.

New Business

Chair Paige then gave an update from the city on current situation regarding locating the new library as Lara Thomas was unable to attend the meeting. She said that city wanted to mention three main items: 1. KCLS and the City are considering the co-development of the Old Methodist Church site along Main Street (aka as the Duvall Church). 2. KCLS and the City are funding a joint study that summarizes different scenarios, work that should be completed in the next three to four weeks. 3. Washington Holdings/Cam-West site continues to move forward. The applicant has requested a meeting to go over the city's Review Comments and that meeting is scheduled for this Friday.

She also read a memorandum from a rough draft that was to be sent from Duvall Mayor, Will Ibershoff to KCLS head, Bill Patacek: "The goal of the memo is to establish a preliminary project understanding between the City of Duvall and The King County Library System for a possible co-development project in downtown Duvall. That KCLS and The City of Duvall have a mutual interest in co-development at the property and would like to explore the options in a timely manner. We believe that the mutual interests exist on several levels--- the first is keeping the library and city hall near their current locations in historic Old Town Duvall. The second is the shared costs of such a project, making it more feasible for all involved. Lastly, keeping both entities in downtown maintains or increases vehicular and foot traffic to the area and makes available to other properties for commercial use downtown which contribute to

economic development and healthy environment of the downtown core.” She went on to elaborate further details--- the upshot being that an agreement would be made that KCLS and the City of Duvall should pay jointly for a study that should be done in the next three weeks or so to determine the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of such a joint project.

Denise Siers provided the board with a KCLS perspective. “When KCLS got the report that the Library site was not to be included in Phase One of the development site on Big Rock Road, “ she said, “we really said that we had to reassess the situation, because that would include a lot of street improvements and actually the creation of streets.” “Most of you have been to the new Carnation Library; to create the sidewalk and the infrastructure in front of that cost us over a half-million dollars. It was a significant portion of the project. It was not put into the library but was put into the street because that was the only way we could build it. The idea of building two streets...for the Big Rock site...our entire budget wouldn’t even cover those improvements, never mind putting it into the building.”

“So we considered the Washington Holding’s deal pretty much dead at this point. We had already delayed construction for over a year after we purchased a site and we were just looking to talk with the city about our next steps when they brought this proposal of looking at an alternate site.”

“So, where we are, as Paige stated, is that we’re going to conduct this joint study with both of us paying 50% for it and having Ray (architect) take a look at the site. So in addition to looking at all of the possibilities, we’re also having him take a look and compare both of our sites to see which would be the most economical for us to build. The big thing for us is the time sensitivity. We did delay in building the Duvall Library and we really did believe honestly that going in cooperatively with the City and the Washington Holdings deal was best for the community. But the delay as it turns out was during the highest construction costs and what we’re finding out now is that the bidding climate has been so good now for construction, that we’re pushing all of our projects ahead and we’re actually coming in on budget and sometimes a little bit under budget. So time sensitivity is really an issue for us because we know... we have an architect on board and if we can start building as soon as possible, we may be able to build the library we promised.”

“But what Bill is going to talk to the Board about is that as far as we’re concerned, the Washington Holding’s deal is dead... unless they would come back to us by some miracle and say, that yes the library can be in the first phase and we’ll provide the infrastructure for you. If that happened by some chance, we would certainly fulfill the commitment to do that.”

“The second thing is obviously to cooperate with the city on this. We think that because the church site does have the infrastructure—i.e. the parking—and that’s why the library is

interested on being on the second floor as it's important for our patrons. That said, if the city is not willing to do a joint facility or they can't do it within the time frame we'd like, we did talk to Ray (architect) about the possibility of how we could do a lower entrance as well as the upper library."

There was general acclamation from all board members that the downtown church site was the best site that had been considered since the new library project began. Chair Denison also stated that all comments to her from the public, KCLS staff at the Duvall Library and members of the city hall staff about the site, since the information was published in the paper had also been positive.

Pam Hunter gave the report from the Duvall Library and also talked about the board's upcoming Preston visit to see facilities, suggesting rescheduling early in the day as that was when books are processed. She also asked for comments on permanent hour changes for the Duvall Library as per a Laura Boyes' request. Specifically Laura was suggesting closing Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7 PM so we could keep so we could keep the 10 to 1 hours on Wednesday mornings or going back to the old schedule. Since Wednesday morning seemed to be pretty busy, the board consensus was to stick with that plan and suggested agreement with the early evening shutdown on Wednesday and Thursday.

Other

Sue Juhre from the Civic Club, spoke on the upcoming Library Plant Sale on May 9th, (the day before Mother's Day) which is the largest fundraiser of the year. She is looking for volunteers and help the week before the sale more than the day of the sale and provided a list for email addresses. She also mentioned the Duvall Reads web site with its new selections via David Mauk—books by Malcolm Gladwell, Blink, The Tipping Point, and The Outliers. She also reported on the success of the first Duvall Reads event, with Three Cups of Tea; really good discussions and good showing of people and excellent moderator.

Pam Hunter also mentioned the REaD Carpet Event, scheduled for 2009 Friends of the Library Day April 25th, 8:30am till Noon and asked anyone interested to let her know.

Chair Denison mentioned the possibility of having a youth member sit on the Duvall Library Board, as well, which to all members seemed like another good idea.

The meeting was adjourned at around 7:40. Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 27.

